GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TRADE WITH NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) The names of foreign countries with whom trade has increased during the last three years;

(b) The percentage of such increase thereof;

(c) Whether the Government has taken any steps to increase it further during the current year and to increase our trade with other countries as well; and

(d) If so, the details and the outcome thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) & (b): Statement in respect of foreign countries with whom trade has increased during the last three years is at Annex-I.

(c) & (d) To enhance our exports the Government is taking initiatives such as facilitating participation in trade fairs, exhibitions and Buyer Seller Meets. Institutional arrangements such as Joint Trade Committee Meeting and periodical meetings to review bilateral trade agreements, Free Trade Agreements etc. to remove the impediments to the growth of trade and boost the same, rationalization of duty structure etc. are also held. SEZ Act 2005 has come into force to trigger a large flow of investment in infrastructure and productive capacity. An Inter-State Trade Council has been established with the objective of recommending measures to provide a trade-enabling environment in the States and to create a frame work for making states partner in India's International trade and export effort.